

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	
	)	File No.
Illinois Bell Telephone Company,	)	
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc.,	)	
Michigan Bell Telephone Company,	)	
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company,	)	
Wisconsin Bell, Inc.	)	
	)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF AT&T (as amended)**

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc., Michigan Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc., collectively referenced herein as AT&T, applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214 and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering Fractional DS-1 service in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T is providing the following information:

**Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois,  
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Indiana,  
Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan,  
The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, and  
Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin

The address for purposes of processing this application is:  
119 Bridgewater Drive  
Canton, GA 30115

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):**

AT&T plans to no longer offer this service to new customers on or after August 31, 2016, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). In addition, on or after August 31, 2016, AT&T will no longer renew existing agreements or process move, add, or change orders for existing customers, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). AT&T currently plans to discontinue existing service arrangements on or after July 30, 2017 or upon the expiration of the existing agreements, whichever is later.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):**

AT&T will discontinue this service throughout its geographic service areas in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):**

Fractional DS1 service provides for the digital transmission of nominal 128, 256, 384, 512, 768 kbps, serial data. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Fractional DS1 channels are provided for two-point service between “customer designated premises” or between a “customer designated premises” and a Telephone Company Digital Hub.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discontinuance because there is very low demand for this service.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):**

AT&T mailed its customer notification letters to the few remaining customers in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin on July 15, 2016 via first class U.S. Mail.

Copies of this Application are being sent first class U.S. Mail to the public utilities commissions and governors of the affected states and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):**

AT&T is considered dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Debra Clemens, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3066.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because there is low market demand. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue Fractional DS-1 service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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July 28, 2016

# ATTACHMENT A



July 15, 2016

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**Important Notice Regarding AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service\*  
Service Discontinuance and Changes in Service  
Effective August 31, 2016**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. We want to make you aware of planned changes to your interstate fractional DS1 service provided by the AT&T (Ameritech) operating companies at speeds of **128, 256, 384, 512, or 768 kbps** ("AT&T (Ameritech) **Fractional DS1 Service**").

Our records indicate active **AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service** with the following Billing Account # and Circuit ID#s:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Effective on August 31, 2016**, pending regulatory approval where such approval is required, **AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service will no longer be available to new customers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.**

As a current AT&T customer with AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service, you may retain your existing service(s) subject to the following service restrictions, unless specified to the contrary in your existing service agreement:

- **Effective August 31, 2016, AT&T will no longer renew service agreements for AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service.** Following the expiration of your current AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service term agreement, AT&T will provide this service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for July 30, 2017 or upon the expiration of your current term agreement, whichever is later).
- **Effective August 31, 2016, Move, Addition and Change orders for AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service will no longer be accepted.** After August 31, 2016, new requests for physical changes to your service, including the upgrade or downgrade of access speed, installation of new service, or moves to different service addresses, will not be accepted.

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If you have any questions in regards to this planned service change please contact your AT&T sales representative, or contact an AT&T service representative at the number located on your bill. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving your future technology needs.

Thank you for using AT&T.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Product Marketing Manager  
AT&T Services, Inc.  
119 Bridgewater Drive  
Canton, GA 30115

\* AT&T (Ameritech) Fractional DS1 Service (DS1 service at speeds of **128, 256, 384, 512, or 768 kbps**) is provided under Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 (located at <http://cpr.att.com/pdf/ILECfed/fed.htm>).

**AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the section 63.71 Application of AT&T including Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc., Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuation (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, **Lacretia Hill**, certify that I have, on July 28, 2016, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of AT&T by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the addresses below:

/s/Lacretia Hill

Lacretia Hill

Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Ave  
Springfield, IL 62701

Office of the Governor  
Statehouse  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission  
PNC Center  
101 West Washington Street  
Suite 1500 East  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Office of the Governor  
Capitol, 300 SW 10th Ave., Ste. 241S  
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Commissioners, Utilities Division,  
Motor Carriers, Pipeline Safety and  
Energy  
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